

ODHA Summer Program Update

July 2014



Dear Parents,

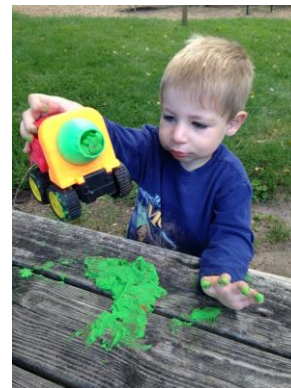
Thank you so much for your support in the ODHA summer programs. This has been a very successful summer of camps due to the hard work of the instructors, your support, and AMAZING children! I wanted to provide a summary of the camps that have recently completed, some updates on camps continuing, and ones that are coming up soon. I hope you are finding the summer programs a valuable addition to your children's summer activities. Make sure to check out the list of upcoming programs. It's not too late to sign up for these awesome programs. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at: 219-384-0781 or email at dpratt@pnc.edu.

Dave Pratt
ODHA Summer Camp Director

COMPLETED PROGRAMS

Tot Lot: Camp Curiosity (Session 1)

What can I say other than Camp Curiosity was a HUGE success and my wife and children LOVED connecting with your little ones in the park each week for fun and curiosity! Here are some pics highlighting some of the fun activities with your children.



LAX in the Dunes

Joseph Vega had all positive things to say about his first experience teaching for the ODHA summer programs. Enrollment was small, but the basics of the sport of Lacrosse were taught to a few engaged kids. Thank you Joseph for bringing this exciting new sport to the Dunes! Thank you Joseph!

Skimboarding

Dean Anderson completed another class for the ODHA summer camps teaching skimboarding to a few of your children. My son Ladd loved learning the basics of the sport and improved his skills quite a bit.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Tot Lot: Adventure Camp

Mrs. Barber is enjoying time with your children taking walks, playing games, and doing lots of crafts! Check out these great pics showing off some of their recent projects!



There are many exciting plans for the final sessions of Adventure Camp, so make sure not to miss out on all the fun. Deb Pratt can't miss out on all the fun and will be helping to create and assist with these exciting activities during the remaining few days of camp. Check out the fun activities coming up this month!

July 14 – Designing and building model Roller Coasters in the park

July 16 – Painting Bird Houses

July 21 – Making Bubbles and Bubble Wands

July 23 – Tie Dye

July 28 – Water Day!

MAKE UP DATE ADDED: Due to a scheduling conflict, another day has been added to this camp. A special WATER DAY in the park will take place on Monday, July 28th. Make sure your children are prepared to GET WET!!!

Movie Making

Tyler and Lina Pratt are really enjoying their time with your children making a movie all about unicorns and marshmallows! Can't wait to see this awesome short film! They are planning a special viewing of the movie in late July/early August. This is the final week of camp, so please make sure your children are available for filming. Please call or text them at 219-263-8203 (Tyler) or 219-707-9087 (Lina) if your child cannot make it or you have any questions.



Beach Volleyball

We are still taking enrollments for Tuesday night volleyball on the beach only because it is much too hard to play 3-3 at my age!!! We are having a great time, so please come join in the fun at Tamarack entrance to the beach for only \$7 member price you can't beat it!

T-Ball/ Arts & Crafts / Music

T-ball/Baseball is also continuing each Saturday. Arts & Crafts and Music has two more Friday's left.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tot Lot: Camp Curiosity (Session 2) – July 15-Aug 7

Starting this week on Tuesday we continue Camp Curiosity with Ms. Mary. Lily and Ladd already miss the kids so much that they have volunteered their time to assist Ms. Mary. Look forward to more fun in the park with many exciting learning activities planned.

Soccer with the Chicago Fire: July 14-18

Also starting this week is Soccer Camp offered with the Chicago Fire!

Program: Imaginarium Ages: 3-5 Time: 4pm - 5pm Cost: \$60	Program: Recreational Ages: 6-9 Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm Cost: \$130	Program: Competitive Ages: 10-14 Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm Cost: \$130
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Skimboarding 2

July 28-August 1 (2-3 pm)

This class is for both the beginning and advanced skimboarder. The fundamentals of skimboarding will be taught as well as tricks. Bring your own skimboard, if you have one. The instructors do have some boards available to use during class, if you don't have one.

Theater (all ages)

July 21-July 25 (10-11 am)

Theater camp will consist of drills and games to teach children the fundamentals of acting and how to channel different characters and people, the older class will focus mostly on improvisation.

Reading

July 28-Aug 1 (10-11 am)

This camp is centered on reading a variety of picture books. In addition to reading together as a group, your child will enjoy interactive activities, crafts, games, and snacks that relate to the story each day. We look forward to an exciting time full of learning and fun.

Dance

Aug 4-8 (10-11:30 am)

In this camp, students (campers) will learn two dances and then have a short presentation at the end of camp on the last day. Students should wear shorts and t-shirts and comfortable shoes to camp.